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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MILTON ET AL.

Examiner

Tan Le

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is responsive to Applicants' amendment filed 08/29/05. This application contains claims numbered 2-5. Claims 1 and 6-7 have been canceled.
2. This application was prosecuted based on a provisional election made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, the species of Figures 1-7, claims 2-5. It is noted, however, applicants in the response filed 08/29/05 have not made an affirmation of the election. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,473,205 to Pepe.

Regarding claims 2-3, Pepe teaches an optics deck for supporting an optical system comprising a planar member having a linear scanline slot (134, 182) (Figures 4-6, for example); three vertically adjustable leveler assemblies (164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174 and/or 320, 322, 324) located at three apexes of a triangle which enclose the slot and which has sides which establish axes about which vertical adjustment of the leveler assemblies is carried out; and means for mounting said leveler assemblies on said planar member wherein the means for mounting includes three oversize holes (the holes are inherently bigger than the screws or bolts) in the planar member in which said three leveler assemblies are installed.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 4-5 are allowed.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 08/29/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that Pepe does not teach a planar member having a linear scannline slot as claimed in claim 2. Examiner disagrees. As broadly interpreted, Pepe clearly teaches a slot (where the array sensor positioned).

Applicants also argued that Pepe does not teach the screws that vertically adjust the planar position. The examiner also respectfully disagrees because the term "vertical" is considered to be a relative term. It not clear what orientation is being defined by the recitation "vertical". The orientation appears to be dependent upon location of the viewer only.

Claims 4 and 5 have been rewritten to incorporate the allowable subject matter as indicated in the previous office action. These claims are therefore, now allowed.

***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-6818. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. through Fri. from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P. Olszewski can be reached on (571) 272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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